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Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Statement(s) re small entity status submitted previously.
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Respectfully submitted,

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